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Application Number	09/887,953
Filing Date	June 22, 2001
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Art Unit	1641
Examiner Name	Counts, Gary W.
Attorney Docket Number	1031/205

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) **01 FC:2801 395.00 OP**
- iii. ☒ Other Any Deficiency **02 FC:2252 225.00 OP**
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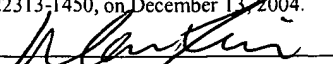
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Amirkhanian

Serial No.: 09/887,953

Filing Date: June 22, 2001

For: OPTICAL DETECTION IN BIO-  
SEPARATION DEVICE USING AXIAL  
RADIATION OUTPUT

Examiner: Counts, Gary W.

Group Art Unit: 1641

RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2004, the time for response to which has been extended by 2-month to December 13, 2004 (the first business day after December 12, 2004) by the request for extension of time in the accompanying Transmittal, and in connection with the RCE concurrently filed herein, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application.